Partners for Fish and Wildlife

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Georgia



Rare species, like this gopher tortoise, benefit from longleaf pine habitat restoration and enhancement.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife . . .

- Is a proactive, voluntary program that works with private landowners to restore fish and wildlife habitats on their land
- Contributes to the land's health and rural quality of life
- Emphasizes landowner choice and control
- Offers advice and funding for habitat projects on private lands
- Emphasizes reestablishment of native vegetation and ecological communities

Who are the Partners?

Anyone can be a partner: farmers, ranchers, city dwellers, local agencies, private organizations, corporation, government agencies, educational institutions, anyone interested in the conservation of wildlife habitat on private lands.

Successful Georgia Projects focus on these priorities:

- Stream and riparian restoration
- Restoration of longleaf pine habitats
- Restoration of rare species habitats

Projects must benefit Federal trust resources which include wetlands, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, anadromous fish, and marine mammals.

Voluntary Habitat Restoration



Private landowner Partners Bob and Susan Woodall with GACDS president Larry Eley showing Partners for Fish and Wildlife riparian fencing project.

The Program is Responsive, Streamlined and Flexible

Assistance offered by the Service to private landowners ranges from informal advice on the design and location of potential restoration projects to design and funding of these projects. A voluntary cooperative agreement is usually developed with the landowner.

How do I become a Partner?

Landowners can become involved by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A biologist will contact you to discuss your needs, the opportunities available, and assist you as possible. If your project meets certain criteria, the Service may share or pay certain costs.

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